



As much as the Queenes Maiestie our soueraigne Lady is credibly informed, that the infection of the plague is at this present in sundry places in and about the citie of Westminster, whereas by the continuance thereof, through the greater repayre and resort of her louyng subiectes, great peryll and daunger myght not only ensue vnto her most royal person, but also vnto her most louyng subiectes repayryng thither for theyr suites and causes, and thereby also geue occasion of disappearlyng of the same in other partes of the Realme. Her Maiestie for the sayde necessary considerations, and hoppyng that the same wyll by the goodnesse of almyghtie God, with the coldenesse of the yeere, the rather cease by the adiournement of part of this next Tearme of saint Michael now at hande, from the vtas of the same, vntil the returne commonly called Menfe Michaelis: her Maiestie therfore of her especial fauour & clemencie, is pleased and contented to adiourne the sayde Tearme of saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vnto the sayde tyme of Menfe Michaelis, whiche her Maiestie signifieth to all and singuler her louyng subiectes of this her Realme, to the intent that they and euery of them whiche hath cause or commaundement to appeare in any of her hyghnesse courtes at Westminster, in or at any day or tyme from and after the sayde vtas of saint Michael, may tary at theyr dwellynge, or where theyr busynesse otherwys shall lye, without resortyng vnto any of the sayde Courtes for that cause, before the sayde Menfe Michaelis next commyng, and that without daunger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt to incurre towarde her highnesse in that behalfe. And neuerthelesse, her Maiesties pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is to say, of eyther benche one, shal the fyrst day of Michaelmas Tearme, called Octabis Michaelis, accordyng to the auncient order of her lawes, keepe the Essoines of the sayd Octabis Michaelis, at which vtas of saint Michael, writtes of adiournement shalbe directed to the said Iustices, geuyng them auctoritie to adiourne the sayde Tearme of saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vntil the tyme of Menfe Michaelis, as before is sayde: and the same adiournement shalbe made in the fyrst day of the sayde vtas, commonly called the day of the Essoines. And further, her Maiesties pleasure is, that al matters, causes, and suites dependyng in any of her other Courtes, betweene partie and partie, as in her hyghnesse Courtes of Chauncerie, Starre chamber, and the Exchequer, Courtes of Wardes and Lueries, and Duchie of Lancaster, shal haue continuance, and the parties shal haue day from the date of these presentes, vnto Menfe Michaelis, as before is sayde.

Provided alwayes, and her Maiesties pleasure and commaundement is, that all Collectours, Receiuers, Sheriffes, and other accomptantes, and all other persons that ought or shoulde accompt or pay any summe or summes of money, in any of her Maiesties Court of Exchequer, Courtes of Wardes and Lueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the same Courtes, shal repayre vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her highnesse hath appoynted suche officers and ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay and do in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournement had ben had or made: any thyng mentioned in this present Proclamation, or in any writte of adiournement to the contrary, notwithstanding. Wyllyng and commaundyng al and euery of her Maiesties officers, ministers, and subiectes, to whom it doth or shal apperteyne, to obserue & keepe theyr assemblies and apparences, with al theyr returnes and certificates in her hyghnesse sayde Courtes at Westminster, in Menfe Michaelis next commyng, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to do theyr offices and duties in euery behalfe, in like manner and fourme, as they shoulde or ought to haue done, yf this present Proclamation had not ben had or made, as they wyll answere to the contrary at theyr perylles.

Geuen at her Maiesties Towne of Redyng, the xxix. day of September. 1576. the. xviii. yeere of her Maiesties raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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